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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0917

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SU, IR

SUBJ: RENEWED SUDANESE HOPE FOR CONCESSIONARY
IRANIAN CRUDE

REF: KHARTOUM 711 (NOTAL)

1. INFORMED CIRCLES IN KHARTOUM HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY GLOOMY IN RECENT WEEKS AS TO HOW SUDAN'S ESSENTIAL OIL IMPORT NEEDS (ESTIMATED 100,000 METRIC TONS CRUDE MONTHLY) WILL BE MET FOLLOWING EXPIRATION IRANO/SUDANESE OIL DEAL (REFTEL). LAST TANKER FOR WHICH CARGO HAS BEEN PAID IS DUE ARRIVE PORT SUDAN APRIL 23. ACCORDING OIL CIRCLES HERE, ANOTHER TANKER WILL BE REQUIRED IN EARLY MAY FOR WHICH ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE CONCLUDED BY APRIL 18. SO FAR, HOWEVER, NO FIRM INSTRUCTIONS RE FUTURE IMPORTS HAVE EMANATED FROM GOS.

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2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, SSU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEN

OMAR AL-HAJ MUSA TOLD AMBASSADOR HAPPILY APRIL 12
THAT TELEGRAM HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM SUDANESE
EMBASSY TEHRAN INDICATING THAT IRANIANS WOULD AGREE
TO CONTINUE MEET SUDANESE CRUDE REQUIREMENTS ON
SOME SORT CONCESSIONARY BASIS. SUDANESE HAVE APPARENTLY
BEEN PRESSING IRANIANS IN TEHRAN FOR SOME WEEKS ON THIS
SUBJECT, AND LATEST SUDANESE MESSAGE INDICATES THESE
EFFORTS HAVE MET WITH SOME SUCCESS. MUSA SAID HE
WAS UNAWARE HOW MUCH HELP IRAN WAS NOW PREPARED PROVIDE
BUT SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD GO AS FAR AS
LAST YEAR'S LOAN WHICH SAVED GOS SOME \$65 MILLION IN
IMMEDIATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENDITURES.

3. COMMENT. SINCE WE ALSO HAVE INFORMATION IRAQIS HAVE AGREED
PROVIDE CRUDE TO SUDAN (SEPTTEL), IT BEGINS TO APPEAR AS IF THIS
POOR COUNTRY MAY NOT RUN OUT OF GAS IN MAY AFTER ALL.
BECAUSE IMPORTANCE THIS QUESTION TO SUDAN, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANYTHING EMBASSY TEHRAN MAY BE ABLE DISCREETLY
DEVELOP RE FOREGOING.
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